517 other densely populated areas, and almost every
545 rural community has an amateur company whose performances sometimes are surprisingly
345 polished and skilled. In 1951-52 there were 33
545 government-subsidized professional theaters, 3 of them performing in Swedish, and 73 workers' amateur companies and 2400 groups of actors giving regular performances under
546 the sponsorship of different societies. During the same season there were 505 motion picture theaters, about one-tenth of them in Helsinki.
517 Handicraft and reading are still considered a good way to spend long winter evenings, not to speak of radio-listening, which during the last few decades has become a very important source of entertainment as well as of information.

527 Special holidays are observed in both rural and urban areas. The most important among